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*In re Application of***Applicants:** Guenther, et al.**Title of Invention:** Method for Improving Performance of Critical Path in Field Programmable Gate Arrays**Filed:** 10/29/2003**Serial Number:** 10/697,406**Atty Docket No.:** 52003218

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Date**REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This a response to an advisory action dated March 31, 2005, with a shortened statutory response set to expire three months from the mailing date of the final rejection, namely December 13, 2005. This response is filed within one month of the specified period and a one month extension of time is requested.

Applicants request continuing examination under 37 CFR §1.114. Applicants further request that the fee for the RCE and extension period be charged to its deposit account listed on the accompanying transmittal form.

**Claim Amendments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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